Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mine Site Screen Report

This form is for use at the site of abandoned uranium mines (AUM) located on Navajo Nation lands. Applicable sites include all mine and mine features that have or have not undergone reclamation by the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program, including features, adits and pits. Applicable sites also include all AUM sites listed in the USEPA CERCLIS database, all sites listed in the 2008 AUM GIS Report issued by USACOE and USEPA, all AUM sites on allotment lands associated with the Navajo Nation, and any and all AUM sites lands not listed in any database located on Navajo lands. Reconnaissance of any sites located on lands adjacent to Navajo lands but that are or may be impacting Navajo lands will need to be coordinated with the authorities appropriate to those lands.

The purpose of the form is to ascertain the status and location of the identified AUM site, to record all immediate site information associated with the mine site and to document the recommendation and/or decision on what additional steps, if any, are needed at the site.

NE Churchrock Quivira Mines (No. 1-East)

Navajo AUM Eastern Region

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Part I	Site Identification, Location and Status
Site Names and ID numbers as applicable	
Mine ID:	303
Map ID:	E5
CERCLIS:	NNS FN0 905 492
NAMLRP:	NOT ASSIGNED
New Mexico Mining and Mineral Division ID: NM0025	
New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources: NMMK-0113, -0116	
Local name / Aliases: Churchrock 1 East, Church Rock #1-E, Kerr-McGee Section 36Mine	
Chapter and local area: Nahodishgish Chapter	
Lat/Long: 35.6659628923 N / -108.489603164 W	
Nearby road and highway: Pipe Line Road (BIA 7049) and Route 566	
Local Post Office: Church Rock, NM	
Land Status: check one or more and provide ownership and contact information below	
Tribal Trust : Tribal Fee La Allotment Fee land Public lands	

Ownership and contact information:

Private

State

Bureau of Land Mgmt

No ownership was identified. The mine site property is classified as Navajo Tribal Trust land, but no residences were found within 0.25 miles of the site

Part II Site Observations

Structures: list number of and describe human habitation status of structures at the following distances from mine:

0 to 200 feet: None **200 feet to 0.25 mile:** residence located approximately

800 feet north of the site

Public or commercial structure: list and describe all schools, clinics, Chapter Houses, places of business and any other structure used by members of the community at the following distances:

0 to 200 feet: None **200 feet to 0.25 mile:** None

Levels measured around the perimeter(s) of the identified structure(s):

None

Observed water sources: list the number and type of wells and surface water sources that are potentially used for human consumption at the following distances from the mine:

0 to 0.25 miles: None 0.25 miles to 4 miles: None

Sensitive environments: note and describe all sensitive environments located within visible range of the mine site, including: wetlands, endangered species habitats and approximate locations of sites that may be under protection of the government of the Navajo Nation.

None observed

Known Site History: include information from interviews with Chapter officials and residents.

Note information on mine ownership, period of operation, and type of mining operation.

The NE Churchrock Quivira Mines (No.1-E) mine consists of a surface area of 42,311.73 square meters with 389,847 square meters of underground workings extending to the NE Churchrock Quivira (No. 1) mine.

Part III Type, number and reclamation status of mine features

Provide description and reclamation status of all mine sites and features at site. Include all waste piles, adits, pits and other features, and indicate whether they are open, closed, covered, capped, buried or unreclaimed. Indicate approximate size, shape and extent, including description of any reclamation caps. Note condition of all reclamation caps.

Reclamation status of the mine site is currently unknown. No mine features are evident and adits may have been filled and covered with soil.

Part IV Summary of radiological readings

Background Locations

#1 12,802 cpm #2 13,017 cpm #3 13,365 cpm

Mine site: NE Church Rock No. 1-East - See Figures 1 and 2

Nearby Structure Perimeter – None

Describe any other radiological measurements:

A total of 3243 gamma radiation measurements were collected from mine sites, ranging from 10,001 cpm to 101,193 cpm. The measurements are represented in Figures 1 and 2.

Part V Site sketch of all mine features and readings, including locations of all structures, sources of drinking water and any other important features and radiological readings.

Presented in Figures 1 and 2

Part VI Response Action Summary

Site Name(s): NE Churchrock Quivira Mines (No. 1-East) Chapter: Nahodishgish

Decision Criteria

Is there an unreclaimed waste pile at the site? None observed

At what distance from the waste pile is the nearest residential structure located? Approximately 800 feet north of the mine.

At what distances from the waste pile are there potential drinking water sources? Live stock well 15T-303 located 3,000 feet to the north east

Is there a reclamation cap or sealed adit in place at the site?

None observed

Is the cap/seal functionally intact? N/A

Is the cap/seal sufficiently degraded to create a concern about releases? N/A

At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic structure located? N/A

At what distance from the cap/seal is the nearest domestic drinking water source? N/A

Summary of emergency response factors

None

Summary hazard ranking system factors

None

Summary of reclamation factors

No known reclamation

Part VII Photos



Photo 1. NE Churchrock Quivira Mines (No. 1-East) site, towards the west



Photo 2. NE Churchrock Quivira Mines (No. 1-East) site, towards the north



Photo 3. Fenced area within the mine site, towards the south



Photo 4. Conoco Liquid Petroleum Gas line marker on mine site.

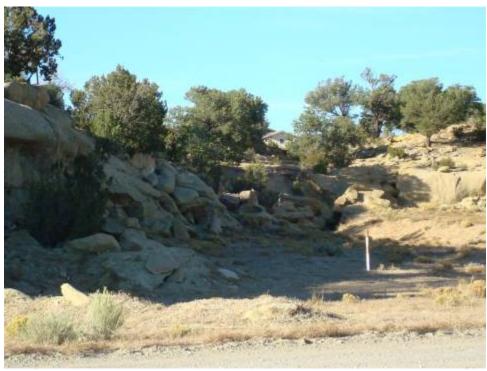


Photo 5. Residence located north of the mine



Photo 6. Residence located north of the mine



Photo 7. Residence located north of the mine



Photo 8. Residence located north of the mine

Part VIII Contacts Reports and Information

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